

## INFLUENCED BY INSURANCE MEN

That Is Charge Hurdled at Auditing Committee by Insurance Commissioner.

STORMY SESSION HELD

Outside Companies Believed Responsible for Adverse Tenor of Report.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALPH H. N. C. January 30.—There were stiff clashes, contradictions, almost impenetrable, between Insurance Commissioner Young and Messrs. Turner and Blount, of the auditing committee of the last Legislature, on account of the report recently sent to this General Assembly of the result of the examination of the office of the State Treasurer, Auditor and Insurance Commissioner. The passages at arms took place before the select committee of the General Assembly appointed to consider the report of the auditing committee.

Mr. Young, whose office had been criticized for unbusiness-like methods, made a statement setting forth the reasons why he had been unable to have proper double entry bookkeeping carried on in his office, and made the point that the auditing committee had possibly been influenced in making its adverse report by friends of foreign insurance companies that he had driven out of the State for failure to comply with the law, or who were down on him because he had tried to befriend the home companies.

Mr. Young spoke with much feeling as he offered for the good of the State, and pointed to the records in his office to show what had been accomplished by the department, and yet this stigma had been put upon him by the committee.

### Recounts Intention.

Mr. Young's statement brought Mr. Blount, of the auditing committee, to his feet to repeat the intention. It is a stigma that had been put on Mr. Young, he said, it had been done by Mr. Smith, the expert accountant, who had been called in when the committee had seen enough to know what sort of condition the office was in. He stated that he was sorry, too, that Mr. Young saw fit to say that in all probability the report of the committee had been colored by his conduct. "That's the hardest lick he's hit me," said Mr. Blount.

Then Mr. Young and Mr. Blount directly contradicted each other as to the latter's statement about the book in which the securities were entered being exhibited at the time the securities were checked up, Mr. Young insisting that he had not said so, and Mr. Blount saying he had a note, made while Mr. Young was speaking, that had him so saying.

Several times there were flat contradictions of a similar kind. When Mr. Young would say he had explained some point, Mr. Blount would say: "That was your statement, Mr. Young."

When asked by Chairman Currie, of the Senate branch of the select committee, what made the committee think the condition of the office would be found bad by the accountant, Mr. Blount mentioned some of the things that had come to their notice, for instance, that it took a day and a half to find the State's fire insurance policies in the office, and the entries had been made in lead pencil and had been corrected.

"Under the condition in which we found the securities," declared Mr. Blount, "they could have been borrowed from some friendly bank for the occasion and then returned to their owners next day."

### Considers It an Insult.

Ex-Senator Turner was heard from next. He said he regretted the language of Mr. Young and the insult to the committee, for he deemed it an insult.

Mr. Turner spoke of the agents of the home companies going about telling people that the policies were practically guaranteed by the securities in the office of the insurance department, and some of them were cotton mill and nursery stock, mentioning the J. Van Lindley nursery, saying the security of the insurance company Mr. Van Lindley was interested in was in the stock of the nursery.

Mr. Young said: "Is it not significant that in all this not a word is being said about the representatives of the foreign companies and what their agents tell people along the same line?"

Finally Representative Doughton, of the select committee, asked Mr. Blount: "Was there any evidence before your committee of moral turpitude?"

"There was no positive evidence of anything of that kind," replied Mr. Blount.

The select committee decided to go through the office of the Insurance Commissioner with him and any members of the Auditing Committee who could be in town for the purpose.

### COURT IN SESSION.

A number of cases disposed of in Judge Burkholder's Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HOLSTON, Va., January 30.—Circuit Court Judge William R. Burkholder presiding, has been in session since Monday, and will not adjourn before the middle of next week. A rather grand jury was empaneled on Monday, and several indictments for felony were returned.

The trial of Raleigh Smith, on appeal from a justice of the peace, finding him \$50 for driving a pair of horses belonging to C. C. Adcock into a swollen stream, where they were drowned, occupied the time of the court Monday evening and Tuesday morning. The evidence developed that Smith, the driver of the team, was very nearly drowned, and that the place into which the team was drowned was a very treacherous ford. The jury acquitted him.

John Shell, charged with unlawfully shooting Callie Oliver, was fined \$25 and given six months in jail.

Albert Gandy, charged with highway robbery, was found guilty and sent to the penitentiary for fourteen years.

Andrew Hearn, indicted for illegal voting at Mt. Carmel District at the November election, 1907, was acquitted.

Thomas Wade, charged with grand larceny—stealing a warehouse check at South Boston—and Frank Tarren, charged with malicious shooting, will be tried Saturday.

### First Drainage Association.

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RALPH H. N. C. January 30.—State Geologist Pratt announced that there has just been organized in Washington county the first drainage association, this being the Scuppernon, with A. G. Walker president. The object is to further drainage interests in Eastern North Carolina and under the Legislature legislation now before the Legislature. Several meetings have been held and plans are on foot for a drainage district for the purpose of lowering the water in Lake Scuppernon, which is also known as Lake Scuppernon.

## Miller & Rhoads

Mail Orders Filled at Advertised Prices

## TO-MORROW'S MENU

Club Lunch

Roset Turkey, with Oyster Dressing.  
Cranberry Sauce, French Dressing.  
Saratoga Chips, Vienna Rolls.  
Caramel Ice Cream, Chocolate, Tea or Coffee. 40c.

## Miller & Rhoads

Estimates Furnished on Window Shades

# MONDAY NEWS IS OF EXTRAORDINARY INTEREST

Miller & Rhoads' store news is always taken at its face value, so a few minutes' perusal of the columns below will show you why to-morrow's news is of especial interest.

Women's Suits & Coats that are practically new offered at about half price. Linens at much reduced figures—new and beautiful Wash Goods that so far have not been equalled for beauty and low price—new Table Silver that cannot be had anywhere else at any price, and is sold here at about one third less than regular figures, are among the things mentioned to-day. The rest of the merchandise mentioned is either sold under price or is new in the house and offered at special figures.

## Women's \$22 to \$35 Winter Suits, \$13.75

The balance of our Women's Suits at the above prices have been cut to \$13.75 for a final clearance sale.

Worsteds, Cheviots, Broadcloths & Unfinished Worsteds are in the lot. The colors are black, brown, navy, wisteria, garnet, light gray & fancy stripes.

Long, straight cut coats, some plain tailored, others trimmed. Lined with taffeta or satin. Very good range of sizes in the assortment, & it goes without saying when we're offering suits at less than half their former prices, that the values have not been equalled this winter in Richmond.

Be on hand early to-morrow—these suits should go out in a hurry!

### New Rain Coats

\$11.50, \$12.95 & \$13.95. They Are Extraordinary Values

Silk Vulcanized Rubber, in stripes of black, garnet, green & navy, priced according to quality. In the \$12.95 class there are some especially good values in Rajah Silk Coats in black, navy & tan.

We know that after a moment or so inspection of these coats you'll think as we do—that they're the greatest values to-day in Richmond.

### Tailored Suits for Spring

About five hundred of the new Spring Suits are already in, & more coming daily—Worsteds & Serges, in light & dark colorings. We make a specialty of Mourning Suits. People going South, for a trip can be well pleased with one of these light weight costumes; exclusive styles, \$18.95 to \$37.50.

### Women's \$10 to \$16.50 Coats

Now \$6.85 & \$9.75

Cleaning up for spring, consequently we're cutting prices. Now's your opportunity for genuine bargains! 50-inch Black Broadcloth Coat, excellent cloth, plain or trimmed; were \$10 & \$12.50, now \$6.85. 50-inch Coats, in Broadcloth & Cheviots, plain & colors; were \$12.50 to \$15.50, now \$9.75.

### \$5 Net Waists, \$3.95

Equal in value, we believe, to anything that's been shown this season at \$5.

Latest effect in long sleeves, with the body & sleeves trimmed with lace & lace insertion. Cream & White Net, made over silk.

Yokes in two styles of embroidered medallions.

Very stylish looking Waists, & as we said above, they compare favorably in value with any \$5 Net Waists.

## SPECIAL SALE OF NEW LACE NETS, &c

Our Lace Department is brimming over with the new Laces & Nets, Novelty Bands & Allovers, in the new bolle effect.

Vermorel Band & Allovers, Metal Bands & Allovers, in both gold & silver.

Tucked & Embroidered Nets & Bands, New Patterns in Yokes, in both the German & French Yokes.

New Cluny & Baby Irish Edges, now so much used.

New Venice Bands & Allovers, New Torchons & Medall Laces, Fine Cotton Torchons, in the new patterns.

## \$4.00 Blankets for \$3.25

White Wool-Filled Blankets, 60x80 inches. The saving of 75c a pair on already low-priced blankets, is simply in line with the policy of this house.

White Wool Filled Blankets, 72x82 inches, that regularly sell for \$5, are sold here for \$4 a pair.

Our White Wool Blankets, 72x82 inches, at \$3 a pair are the best values we've ever shown at this price.

## A Special in New Corsets, \$1.25

Regular \$2 Models

Good fortune sent 100 new Directoire Corsets our way for a special Monday sale at \$1.25, & every one a regular \$2 model.

One of the best known makes in America. Long hip, high bust, made of coutil, with front & side hose supporters.

Remember that you'll save 75c on a new Corset to-morrow.

### Why Not Share in These Linen Bargains

Here, for example, is a lot of Table Damask, all pure linen, two yards wide, full bleached & silver bleached.

86c quality reduced to 60c a yard.  
\$1 quality reduced to \$2.50 a yard.  
\$1.50 quality reduced to \$2 a yard.

Figured Linen Huck Towels, good quality, regular 25c quality, special, 25c each, or \$2.50 per dozen. Scalloped Boylles, Centrepieces, Tray Cloths & Scarfs, all pure linen, all sizes, from 6x12 (round) to 6x24 (square), 8x24 oval to 15x24, 18x27 oblong to 18x72; prices, 5c to \$1.75.

Fine quality All Pure Linen Napkins, 8-12 size—\$3.00 once now, \$2.30 50-50 once now, \$2.50

Tablecloths of fine quality all pure linen Damask, ranging in size from 2 yards to 2 1/2 yards wide & from 2 yards to 4 yards long; former prices \$2.50 to \$12, now \$2.00 to \$8.10.

### Bring Your Little Children Here for Furnishings

Assortment, style, quality & low prices plus a past reputation for the best in these lines are the magnets that draw mothers to our Children's Department.

Children's Sweaters, in red, white or navy, aged 2 to 5 years, open down front, 75c.

Gibson Style Coats for tots 2 to 5 years of age, brown or Copenhagen broadcloth, with silk braid trimmings, \$5.25.

Children's Jersey Leggings, in black, red & navy, ages 2 to 7 years, 35c pair.

Children's White Drawer Leggings, in 6 months & 1 year sizes, 50c.

Children's Wool Toggles, in navy & red, with stripes, some solid color, 25c & 50c.

## Extraordinary Bargains in Quadruple Plate Table Silver

### Hundreds of Pieces 1/3 Under Regular Prices!

A number of Silverware factories in the East had clean-up sales of what was broken lots to them.

The total amount was sufficient to give several high-class retail stores a goodly amount of high-grade quadruple plate Silverware to sell at about one-third under price.

Miller & Rhoads is the only Richmond store that has it.

Remember, that the quality and styles are the very best that were made this season to sell at regular prices.

It's the biggest value-giving sale we've had in Table Silver for years.

### \$2 & \$2.25 Value, \$1.25

Sugar Dishes, Spoon Holders, Tea Pots & Nut Bowls.

### \$2.89 Value for \$1.50

Spoon Holders, Crumb Trays & Scrapers, Cake Plates, Nut Bowls & other articles.

### \$3.50 Value for \$2.00

Bread Trays, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Chocolate Pots & many other articles.

### \$3.98 Value for \$2.50

Chocolate Pots, in assorted shapes; Waiters, Pitchers, Crumb Trays & Scrapers, Berry Bowls.

### \$4.89 Value for \$2.98

Soup Tureens, Waiters, Candlesticks, in assorted shapes; Sugar & Cream Sets.

### \$5.50 to \$6.50 Values, \$3.98

Chocolate, Tea & Coffee Pots, in assorted shapes; Fruit Bowls, assorted shapes; Cake Plates, Cake Baskets, Syrup Pitchers & Plates, Bread Trays, Ice Tubs, Three-Light Candelabra.

### \$8.50 Value for \$5.00

Five-Light Candelabra, colonial shape; Water Pitchers, beautiful shapes.

### \$7.50 Value for \$5.50

Berry Bowls, in assorted shapes, heavy ap- pliqued border, beautiful shapes.

Soup Tureens, regularly \$8.50 value for \$5.00. Vegetable Dishes & Colonial Pitchers—the latter with high footed bowls, heavy border; regular \$10.00 value, \$7.50.

### Tea Sets

Four-piece Sets, satin engraved; regular \$7 value, \$4.89.

Five-piece Set, burnished beaded edge; regular \$12.50 value, \$9.50.

Five-piece Set, colonial shape; regular \$16.50 value for \$12.

### Rogers' 1847 Silverware at Cut Prices

Rogers' ware is too well known to need any commendation. We're closing out a number of patterns. Note the prices:

Gravy Ladles, in assorted patterns; also Cold Meat Forks, were \$1.25, now 75c.

Berry Spoons, were \$1.00, now 50c.

Oyster Ladles, were \$2.50, now 80c.

Sugar Spoons & Butter Knives, 50c.

Desert Spoons & Forks, were \$3.00 dozen, now \$1.50.

## Greatest Values in Kimonos That Have Ever Been in the House

You'll agree with us the minute you look at them—& by all means see these garments.

Examine the texture of the goods, the patterns & the way the garments are made. Great values! We can't get any more at the prices. These were hunted up last week in New York.

Short Silk Kimonos of Persian silk, light & dark effects, satin trimmed, some shirred on shoulders, some tucked, \$2.50, \$2.75 & \$3.

Long Silk Kimonos, solid colors, with striped border, shirred shoulders, made extra full & worth \$7.50, all shades; special price, \$5.

Long Crepe or French Flannellette Kimonos, in the very prettiest designs, silk trimmed, some of them worth up to \$4; special, \$2.50.

Flowered Silk Long Kimonos, with fine satin band of solid color to match, button trimmed, tucked shoulders, lavender, light blue, pink, red, \$7.50.

Fine French Flannellette Lounging or Bath Robes, in exquisite orchid designs, light blue, pink, lavender & tan grounds; silk trimmed neck & 3-4 kimono sleeves. These are worth \$4. We're offering them at extra special values at \$2.50.

## Saxony Rugs Known as American Orientals

Have you seen that large-size Saxony Rug in our Broad Street Window?

This rug laid on the marble floor of the cafe in the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City for three years. It is estimated that more than one million people walked over it in that time.

The Rug to-day looks practically as good as new; that's because it's a "Saxony."

The best materials & the best known methods are employed in making these rugs.

The designs are largely faithful reproductions of the finest Oriental Rugs.

27x54 inches.....\$ 5.50 36x63 inches.....\$ 9.00

27x36 inches.....\$ 3.15 27x36 inches.....\$ 3.15

3x12 feet.....\$22.50 6x9 feet.....\$30.00

Special prices quoted for special sizes.

## White Bed Spreads

They're cheap enough—but only in price—the values are all that we claim for them.

Heavy White Crochet Quilts, 78x90 inches; regular \$1.25 quality, \$1.

Extra Heavy White Crochet Quilts, 77x87 inches, \$1.25.

Extra large 81x88 White Hommed Quilts, \$1.50 quality, \$1.30.

### Lace Curtain Prettiness

and Cheapness

The Curtains in this stock will appeal not only to your sense of beauty, but also to your sense of economy.

Novelty Nets, in green, beige, red & navy effects; regularly \$1.50; they're \$1 here.

Madras & Cable Net Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long; regularly \$2.00; pair, special, \$2.

## Bargains From the Basement

New Percales, Madras, Ginghams, Calicoes, Bed Ticking, Pillow Cases, Sheets, etc. The price savings in this department are so many that it is known as the "Bargain Spot of Richmond." Note the specials in "Welded" Sheets.

### Spring Showing of Percales

36 inches wide, best grade, numbers of new patterns, such as rings, dots, stripes, figures, checks & plaids, in colors blue, red, lavender & black, yard..... 12 1/2c

### Shirting and Waisting Madras

32 inches wide, highly mercerized, with designs suitable for waist & shirts, in red, blue & black, yard..... 18c

### 10c Dress Ginghams, Special, 8 1/2c yd

27 inches wide, in checks, plaids, stripes & solid colors, blue & red, usually sell for 10c; special, yard..... 8 1/2c

### Apron Ginghams

Blue, brown & green checks, good quality, in fast colors, a yard..... 6 1/4c

### Bordered Calicoes

The best grade of Bordered Calicoes, light & dark colors, red, blue, brown & grays, with corresponding border, a yard..... 6 1/4c

### Bed Ticking

32 inches wide, striped, good quality, a yard..... 12 1/2c

33 inches wide, extra good quality, Feather-proof Ticking, a yard..... 15c

Fancy German Striped Feather-proof Ticking, in colors, blue, red & tan stripes, 33 inches wide, yard..... 25c

### Pillow Cases

48x36 inches Hemstitched, heavy cotton; special, each..... 20c

48x36 and 48x38 inches, well made, with a 3-inch hem, each..... 15c

### Bedding

48x36 Unbleached Sheet..... 10c yd.

40x40 Unbleached Sheet..... 22c yd.

40x40 Bleached Sheet..... 25c yd.

81x90-inch Welded Sheets, with improved seam through the centre, which strengthens the sheet where it is usually the weakest, heavy round thread, cotton, a 6c value for..... 50c